

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INTERNET SERVICES IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has decided to provide internet broadband internet services in the moving trains;
- (b) if so, the details and salient features thereof;
- (c) the trains and routes selected for providing such facility;
- (d) whether the said service is to be provided in all coaches of the train;
- (e) if so, the details of the same and the time by which this facility is likely to be started; and
- (f) the benefits accrued to the railway travellers by such facility?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. Railways have authorised RailTel to provide access to broadband Internet on one train in New Delhi-Mathura section, on a pilot project basis.

(b)to(e): An internet kiosk will be provided in the executive chair car coach of New Delhi-Bhopal Shatabdi Express. In addition, access points shall be provided in the same coach to provide hot spots through which passengers with Lap top and wi-fi card will be able to use Internet, and access their e-mails in the running train. The facility is likely to be started by end of 2004-05.

(f): By this facility, passengers while on train will be able to get connected with outside world through a high speed broadband Internet and check their e-mails and utilise the journey time effectively.